

Recreational Commission Minutes: 4/30/09
Present: Jack Cook, Gary Rose, Rick Bush, Diana Toste, Josh Mello
Absent: Debbie Ebbitt, Theresa Burke, Pam Levakis
Minutes by: Diana Toste

Public Delegates;

Mr. & Mrs. Diano from Cristoline presented fundraising options. They had many different products in their offerings. Unfortunately, the Recreation Commission does not have the public access to benefit from any of the fundraising opportunities provided. They are more suited towards the local PTOs and youth sport organizations in town.

John & Teresa Cordeiro presented a bicycle event to benefit the Megan Cordeiro Memorial Foundation. The foundation is set up to provide charitable contributions and an annual soccer scholarship to a Tiverton soccer player. The event would start/end at Town Farm, with a cookout to follow. They would like to utilize the walking track for those that cannot ride. They requested date is October 3, 2009, with a rain date of October 4, 2009. The time is estimated to be from 8:30-3:00. The bike route would run through Tiverton and Little Compton.

- Jack Cook made a motion to support the bike ride.
- Rick Bush seconds the motion
- It passed unanimously.

The commission will contact both TYS and TLL asking that they reschedule any potential conflicting events around the bike ride.

Alexa Schuler, Pete Levesque and Caroline Levesque from RITRA (non-profit sailing and racing team) presented their request to utilize Fogland Beach for a regatta. Their request would be to use the beach to access the cove and store the small sailboats overnight. The race would take place in the river. The dates are September 19-20, 2009 and would be an all day event. They would need access to the bathroom facilities as well as beach access.

- Diana Toste made a motion to support the regatta
- Josh Mello seconds the motion
- It passed unanimously

The commission asked that the group review the beach ordinance and become familiar with the rules of the beach. In addition, they were asked to speak with the Police Chief, Fire Chief, and Harbormaster relative to the event. Lastly, they were asked to provide a certificate of insurance to the Town Council when they presented their request.

Treasurer Report:

None, due to Theresa's absence.

Secretary's Report:

March minutes were reviewed prior to the meeting.

- Jack Cook made a motion to accept the minutes with previously noted corrections.
- Rick Bush seconds the motion.
- It passed unanimously.

Pam had resigned, but (per Gary) will stay on the commission as a member and grant writer. She will step down as Secretary. Gary reviewed the responsibilities of the Secretary position. He is looking for a replacement. If one cannot be found, the sitting commission members will rotate the responsibility until a replacement is found.

Old Business:

Steve Hughes and Jeff Smith were in attendance to discuss the skate park proposal. There was some discussion relative to the design. It was agreed that we would continue to support the bowl design. Diana wanted it noted that the design is at the Town Hall in the vault.

- Jack Cook made a motion to write up the specification and send out the bowl design for bid.
- Josh Mello seconds the motion.
- It passed unanimously.

A prior donation of lights had been made by Linda Clarke. Bobby Martin took a look at the lights and said they were very nice and we should accept the donation. Diana made arrangements with DTech in Fall River to disassemble the lights and move them to a town flatbed. Unfortunately, the sale of the property fell through and the owner would like to leave the lights in place until a new buyer can be located.

Josh provided an update on the social network site: Facebook. We currently have over 150 “friends” that are interested in support the renovation of Bulgarmarsh Park. We cannot accept donations through the site without a 501 (c) 3 status. Gary or Josh will follow up with Jim Goncalo about options.

Summer fees needed to be set. There was some discussion about upgrading the program. It cannot feasibly be done in a few months, so we will continue with the program as it is for this year and being work on program changes for 2010.

- Jack Cook made a motion to set the summer recreation program fees at the rate of 2008.
- Diana Toste seconds the motion.
- It passed unanimously.

Gary Rose indicated that a new flag pole is being donated by Phil’s Propane at Town Farm. Apparently the old one is a pipe. TLL will maintain the flagpole.

- Jack Cook made a motion to approve the new flagpole.
- Josh Mello seconds the motion.
- It passed unanimously.

Gary Rose presented TYS request for approval for British Challenger Soccer Camp this summer. This is the same operation who have provided these services over the past several years. There is no monetary gain by TYS for hosting the camp. The savings are passed directly to the Tiverton parents by not inflating the base price.

- Diana Toste made a motion to support the request for the camp, with the understanding that the dates are pending and a COI will be presented to the Town Council.
- Josh Mello seconds the motion.
- It passed unanimously.

Bobby Martin provided playground options for Bulgarmarsh. He is currently looking for a sponsor for the equipment since the commission has been unable to raise enough money to cover the expense presently.

Bobby Martin requested permission to explore a motorcycle fundraising run. He will gather information and present it to the commission at a later date.

Old Business :

Gary will write to Joe Dias at DEM to get written confirmation as to exactly what grant monies we have.

Chris Passmore is looking for the commission to reissue his reimbursement check of \$407.80. He misplaced it and when he found it, it had expired. There were no issues with his request.

Jack Cook and Gary Rose met with Gifford to resign the Bulgarmarsh Park design. It really entailed a minor adjustment to the location of the basketball court and skate park. Gifford requires \$3200 to redraw the design. The commission felt that was no necessary and we could utilize town resources to make the necessary adjustments.

Member issues:

Diana Toste tendered her resignation as of July 2009.

John Cabral needs a letter from the Recreation Commission to use TMS softball field. Jack Cook will provide the letter.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully,

Diana Toste